

# ***City of Renton - Board of Park Commissioners***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

**October 13, 2015**

**4:30 p.m. – Maplewood Golf Course – Conference Room**

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

#### **In Attendance**

The following members were present:

Members: Al Dieckman, Troy Wigestrang, Mike O'Donin, Marlene Winter, Larry Reymann, Tim Searing

Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Roberta Graver, Leslie Betlach, Kris Stimpson, Terry Flatley

Guests: Avni Mungra, Dhanji Mungra, John Parks, Barbara Parks

Chair, Troy Wigestrang, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken; Cynthia Burns was not present. Mike O'Donin motioned to excuse her absence, Al Dieckman seconded. Cynthia Burn's absence was excused.

### **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Marlene Winter made a motion, seconded by Larry Reymann to approve the October 13, 2015 agenda as presented. All were in favor; motion carried; the agenda was approved.

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mike O'Donin made a motion, seconded by Marlene Winter to approve the September 8, 2015 minutes as written. All were in favor; motion carried; the minutes were approved as submitted.

### **IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS / PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### ***Maplewood Golf Course: River Rock Grill Owners Introduced***

Kelly Beymer introduced John and Barbara Parks who took over ownership of River Rock Grill in March 2015. Highlights since March include a lower turnover in employee, some hiring, new carpet and bar stools, new menu changes and the continuing strong leadership of the lead chef as responses to menu additions/deletions are accommodated. Marlene Winter and Mike O'Donin gave high praise for the food and service they've experienced. Mike asked for clarification about fewer dinner options, and John confirmed that lunch entrees are available at dinner as well.

### **V. BOARD COMMUNICATION**

#### ***City Center Plan—Mike O'Donin***

September 28<sup>th</sup>, the City Center Development Plan was presented to the Committee of the Whole. The next City Center Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6pm in the 7<sup>th</sup> floor Conferencing Center.

*Cedar River Stakeholders—Mike O'Donin and Larry Reymann*

Larry Reymann shared a salmon journey poster with the group, identifying areas of salmon extinction in Washington. Photos were also distributed showing debris near creek runoff and nearby Coho fatalities. Larry described the devastating impact on fatalities from the run off. Good news is that Chinook and Coho are being physically carried up above the dam and are populating.

**VI. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

No communication at this time.

**VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS.**

*Community Services Recreation Wrap Up / Kris Stimpson*

Kris shared a slide presentation describing the data and outcomes from the summer recreation programs and special events. Highlights include the '2015 Endless Summer' experienced weather with an average daily temperature of 80 degrees (up one degree average from last year), added summer lunchtime swim lessons, new classes, and a new Adult Kickball program. A volleyball tournament was added to the July 4<sup>th</sup> event at Gene Coulon Park. The Specialized Program's softball team went to the state level competition and returned with many awards. New community garden installation will commence in November next to the North Highlands Neighborhood center. The Senior Center is now open on Wednesday nights with computer classes and they are working on getting a looping program, along with having an active Senior Advisory Council and they earned a Renton River Day's Parade award for their float entry. The online Recreation guide is growing into more of a 'magazine' presence with helpful analytics for future design placement and program planning. A small, 'stand-alone' Free Library was installed at the Henry Moses Aquatic Center this summer.

*Draft Urban Forestry, Street Tree Regulations / Terry Flatley*

Terry shared a slide presentation describing the evaluation and implementation process of the Street Tree Regulation, as identified in the Urban Forestry Development Plan. Currently there is no regulation in place for maintaining trees on city property. See the attached slide presentation and regulation description for next steps in the process.

*Bird Island Update / Kelly Beymer*

Kelly shared the maintenance and development status of the Shoreline Stabilization Enhancement project in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources. Educational and Project Status storyboard signs will be going up soon describing the debris, concrete and metal removal and extension of the boardwalk railing during the 'fish window' in 2016. Marlene asked about the garbage in the SECO area which is owned by the developer. Kelly said she would check into it. Troy Wigstrand asked if the trail between Boeing and the lake had an easement. Leslie said that there is an easement, but the city is not currently exercising it because of security issues related to Boeing's military contract.

**VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Terry Higashiyama welcomed high school student, Avni Mungra as the pending new Park Board Commissioner. The Mayor has sent her name to the council to be on the 10/26/15 consent agenda. She also identified the following new employees: Facilities Manager, Jeff Minisci (starting 10/21/15), and Parks Maintenance Workers, Kenny Rogers, Stephen Willenborg, and Donny Sorensen.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

*Capital Project Updates – Leslie Betlach*

**New Land Acquisition** – A parcel adjacent to Cascade Park will expand parking and include a restroom. Leslie will be working with Renton Housing Authority to set up a short-term lease on the current property until as such time the land can be converted to park needs.

**Fawcett Property** – 5.2 acres of an original homestead located on the south side of May Creek. Leslie is working with a City Attorney to finalize the list of contingencies as apart of Purchase and Sale agreement.

**Sunset Neighborhood Park** – Next step is working with designers for a modified “Phase 1” with funding from a Department of Commerce grant.

**Riverview Bridge** –The bridge grand opening has been delayed until Spring 2016. The bridge should be installed 10/20/15. (Note this has been further delayed.)

**Coulon Park Paver Project** – Is completed, the final landscaping to be installed along with concrete sealing.

**Meadow Crest Playground – Phase II** – working with designers to finalize next stage of the interactive playground which is scheduled for 2016 construction.

**X. INFORMATION**

**New Dog Park Committee** – looking for two small parcels of land for off-leash dog parks.

**Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> Fall Festival at the Piazza Park** – was cut short due to inclement weather.

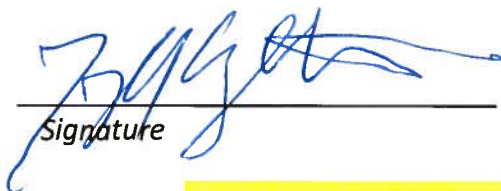
**Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> Holiday Craft Bazaar** – at the Senior Activity Center

**Nov. 20 & 21 Holiday Bazaar** – at the Renton Community Center

**Highlands Library Update** – possible late November or early December grand opening.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Larry Reymann and seconded by Mike O'Donin to adjourn the September meeting at 6:00 p.m. All were in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

  
Signature

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: NOVEMBER 10, 2015 @ 4:30PM,  
RENTON LIBRARY (over Cedar River)– KING PARKER MEETING ROOM**